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STATUS OF THE TERRITORIES

Globe. The political position of the North West Territories is the subject of the development of full Provincial Autonomy, and there is consequent room for divergent views as to the expediency of every step towards the ultimate goal. The Territorial legislature has limited authority for the administration of local affairs, and its revenues are contributed by the Dominion parliament while the land and natural wealth of the Territories is controlled and administered by federal authority. In response to pressure and petitions from the Territorial legislature, increases have been made in the federal subsidy for full provincial status have been made to meet certain needs. It is now some years since the question of full provincial status was heard in the House of Commons and the matter has been referred on the federal authorities from time to time in connection with requests for better financial terms. At last session of the Territorial legislature a resolution was adopted setting forth that the existing agreement was unsatisfactory financially, that the annual grant for full provincial status was inadequate, and making for an enquiry as to existing needs and also the terms and conditions upon which the Territories may be established as a province. Mr. F. W. G. Haultain, attorney general of the Territories, introduced the resolution, reviewed at length the many points at issue between the Territories and the Dominion and made an exhaustive statement of the financial and political conditions of the prospective province. The speech has been published in convenient form by order of the Territorial legislature, and is a valuable compendium of the financial and constitutional questions affecting the Territories.

In an opening reference to the recent increase in the yearly federal subsidy and the special grant for restoring public works destroyed by floods, Mr. Haultain quoted from the speech from the throne a statement that the increase and grant were regarded as only affording a federal subsidy and partial amelioration of the very impossible financial conditions. He took strong objection to the statement as to the financial amelioration of the Territories. The government of the Territories had no positive information as to the necessary sources from year to year, each year's grant being determined on by the Dominion parliament. The yearly payments to Ottawa, thus metalled were regarded as compensation to the dignity of the Territories and the local representative. The provinces had definite grants for the support of government, Ontario received \$10,000, Quebec \$18,000, Nova Scotia \$6,000, New Brunswick \$6,000, British Columbia \$10,000, and Prince Edward Island \$10,000, and there was also a grant of \$5,000 per head for local purposes, the population of Ontario and Quebec being 3,300,000 and 1,111,000 respectively, the figures of the census of 1901. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, British Columbia, and Prince Edward Island were paid according to the population registered by the last decennial census, but with the Territories was a limit of 400,000 for estimating subsidies. Manitoba was paid for some years on the basis of a population of 160,000, which was greater than the actual population of the province, the allowance being adjusted at present to the actual population. The half year on the basis of a census taken every five years, the maximum limit on which the grant will be paid is a population of 400,000. The irregular nature of these subsidies was made the basis to a claim for the territory asked in the petition.

Mr. Haultain took up the leading items in a long account which the Dominion made against the Territories and argued that in the great majority of cases similar payments and outlays were made with regard to the provinces, without any claim being set up or held against them. This, he contended, was obviously true with regard to subsidies to railways, a huge subsidy of \$4,000,000 being given to show federal expenditure under that head in the various provinces. The claim that the land of the Territories was purchased by the Dominion to be distributed for the benefit of the whole country was met by citing the extensive areas of territory purchased and sold to the provinces for their benefit. The public land of the North West Territories is a rich heritage, and the attorney general made a strong plea for local ownership and administration. A list of the restrictions of the present arrangement was cited. The lack of control over the constitution makes it difficult for the Territorial legislature to deal with election laws. For example, there is no power to disqualify a man for membership in the local house; the legislature has no authority in the administration of criminal justice. A certain amount of civil jurisdiction has been granted, but it is not complete, the maintenance of the courts of civil law. Mr. Haultain pointed

The Markets

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SHOOT AND KILLED

An Old Victoria Man Meets Death in Seattle.

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